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A STRANGE ROMANCE.

RECALLED BY THE FINDING OF A PICTURE.

Was This Theodosia Burr?—Discovery of a Portrait in North Carolina Gives a Clue to Her Fate—Story of a Tragic Disappearance.

(Special Letter.)

A portrait, believed to be that of Theodosia Burr Alston, the ill-fated daughter of the more ill-fated Aaron Burr, has come to light in Elizabeth City, N. C., and with the portrait have emerged some details that may reveal the veil of gruesome mystery which has always enveloped the culminating tragedy in her life.

The story of her father's career is one of the most picturesque in American annals, and she contributes to it one of its most picturesque episodes. Shrewd, crafty, polished and witty, this son of a New Jersey clergyman had deftly and sinuously made his way upward, adroitly availing himself of the follies of men and the frailties of women, until, in 1800, he received a tie vote with Jefferson in the electoral college for president of the United States.

It was this daughter who formed the heart romance of his life. Her indomitable fidelity was henceforth all that linked him to the world of man. She had had a joyful welcome into this world, the beautiful girl who was to have so terrible an exit from it. Every step of her education had been thoughtfully superintended by a father who was always kind if not always wise. He resolved that she should grow up supreme among all the women of the land.

"If I could foresee," he wrote to his wife in the days of her infancy, "that Theo would become a mere fashionable woman, with all the attendant frivolity and vacuity of mind, adorned with whatever grace and allurements, I would earnestly pray God to take her forth with hence. But I yet hope, by her, to convince the world what neither sex appears to believe—that women have souls!"

So she grew up a well educated, well-mannered, brilliant, witty and most estimable young lady. The career of womanhood had been early thrust upon her. At fourteen her mother had died and she had become the sole sharer of her father's home, the mistress of his household, the friend and companion of his mind. Then, in 1800, came the separation. But it came in his least poignant form. She was wooed and married by a young gentleman of North Carolina, who was every way worthy of her. His name was Joseph Alston.

It is true that South Carolina was then a twenty days' journey from New York. That was the most serious drawback to the marriage for both father and daughter. But Theodosia made long and frequent visits to the home of her childhood. She wrote back letters full of exuberant rapture about the scenery around New York, the society within it, and, above all, about the renewed delights of her father's companionship. Sometimes Mr. Alston accompanied her on these visits. Later another traveling companion was added.

This was Master Aaron Burr Alston. He was Theodosia's only child. Next to Theodosia he grew to be the dearest object on earth to Grandpa Burr. That gentleman was never weary of the lad's company when he was at Richmond Hill, nor could he ever bear enough of his childish exploits and sayings when he was at home.

Early in 1805 he turned his face toward the great west, which was then a new country. He went down the Ohio river in a flatboat. A few miles below Marietta he came to sight of an island, calm, secure, romantic, which took its name of Blennerhassett from the eccentric

in Mexico? What if the western states, ultimately falling away from the union, should cast their lot with his, making New Orleans the capital of a new nation, of which he would be dictator?

He matures his plans carefully and warily. He seduces Mr. Blennerhassett with visions of wealth, power and titular grandeur. Mr. Blennerhassett's island home is to be the base of supplies for a contemplated expedition. Other men of wealth, energy or position were interested in the scheme. Prominent among these were his own daughter and her husband. To achieve careers and a residence for her, her husband and her joy was Burr's darling object.

Then the bolt fell. President Jefferson, who for some time had been vaguely conscious of Burr's project, in a proclamation dated Oct. 27, 1800, publicly denounced it, and warned all good citizens. The project immediately collapsed. In the succeeding June Burr was arrested. His trial for treason took place in Virginia. It was impossible to prove any overt act against him.



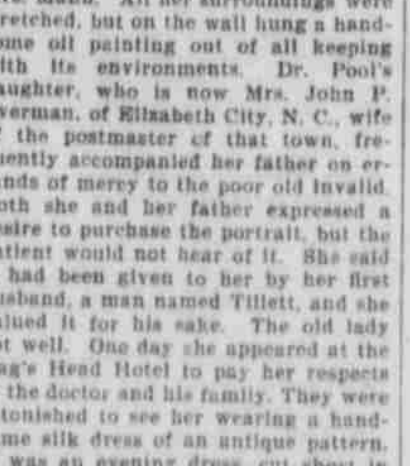
FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA PAINTING BELIEVED TO BE THEODOSIA BURR ALSTON.

Burr decided to forfeit his bail, and he escaped to England.

After five years of exile he took heart to return. Sailing under an assumed name, he arrived incognito in New York. At the right moment he caused a line to appear in a newspaper to the effect that Aaron Burr had returned to the city, and had resumed the practice of law in Nassau street.

One only wish was left to the stricken father and daughter. That was for speedy reunion. But Theodosia's husband was now governor of the state and general of militia. The war of 1812 had broken out. He could not leave his post. Finally, it was decided she should come by sea. She embarked December 29, 1812, at Charleston on a small schooner named the Patriot. The Patriot was never seen nor heard of again. It has always been presumed that she was lost off Cape Hatteras in a storm which broke out a couple of days after she sailed. To Aaron Burr, waiting in New York for the vessel that never came, cruel stories were reported that the Patriot had been captured by pirates, and that all on board had been murdered with the exception of Theodosia, who was carried on shore a captive. "No," said Burr, decisively, "she is dead. Were she alive all the prisons in the world could not keep her from her father."

And now for our promised story of the portrait. Some years ago the late Dr. W. G. Pool, a well known physician at Pasquotank county, North Carolina, was spending the summer at Nag's Head. This is a watering place on the North Carolina coast, situated on the "Banks," a narrow strip of land lying between Albemarle sound and the Atlantic ocean. The denizens of the "Banks" are primitive folk, and at one time the land thereabout was infested by pirates. It happened that Dr. Pool was called in to see a destitute old woman named Mrs. Mann. All her surroundings were wretched, but on the wall hung a handsome oil painting of all keeping with its environment. Dr. Pool's daughter, who is now Mrs. John P. Overman, of Elizabeth City, N. C., wife of the postmaster of that town, frequently accompanied her father on errands of mercy to the poor old invalid. Both she and her father expressed a desire to purchase the portrait, but the patient would not hear of it. She said it had been given to her by her first husband, a man named Tillett, and she valued it for his sake. The old lady got well. One day she appeared at the Nag's Head Hotel to pay her respects to the doctor and his family. They were astonished to see her wearing a handsome silk dress of an antique pattern. It was an evening dress, cut short in the waist, and only reached down half way between the old lady's shoe tops and her knees. She had come to tell the doctor that, as she had no money, she hoped he would accept the portrait in payment of his services. The doctor and his daughter were overjoyed, especially when she related the circumstances under which it had come into her possession. She had no head for dates, but she remembered that one calm winter's day during the time of our last war with England her first husband (Tillett) and some of his associates, lounging on the beach at Nag's Head, were surprised to see a smart vessel under full sail making for the shore.



THEODOSIA BURR ALSTON, FROM A PORTRAIT.

The property of the Collin County milling company recently destroyed by fire at McKinney, is to be rebuilt.

Owing to the warlike preparations trade is said to be almost at a standstill at Cape Town, Africa.

The men watched her with interest, supposing she would tack, instead, she sailed straight ahead, and in a little while was beached. The men got into one of their boats and rowed up to her. They found that all the canvas of the strange vessel was spread and that her tiller was lashed. Climbing aboard, they descended into the cabin. Here a table was spread with a half finished meal. The berths were unmade. A number of silk dresses were scattered over the floor. Every indication pointed to the fact that the persons on board had hurriedly left the vessel in the midst of a meal. On the wall of the cabin hung the portrait which fell to her husband, together with one of the silk dresses, as his share of the treasure trove.

Such is the story which I obtained the other day from the lips of Mrs. Overman, to whom the portrait had descended. I had heard some rumors of the facts, and, being in Elizabeth City, called at Mrs. Overman's residence for confirmation. She went over the particulars above given, and showed me the portrait. This is painted on wood, about eighteen by twenty inches in size, and is incased in what was once a gilt frame, the gilding having been worn away by age. It represents a woman of about 30 years of age, with well shaped features, piercing black eyes, brown hair, slightly tinged with auburn, and an olive complexion. The hair is done up much in the modern style, high on the head, with comb in back and frizzed in front.

When the portrait was first presented to him Dr. Pool naturally recalled the story of Theodosia Burr, and at the first opportunity compared the portrait with a well authenticated engraving of Theodosia. Everybody who has ever made the comparison declares that the likeness is striking, and while it cannot be proven, of course, that this is a likeness of Theodosia Burr, the circumstantial evidence is almost conclusive. Not long ago a lady who is connected with the Burr family came all the way from one of the western cities to Elizabeth City to see this famous portrait, and went away pretty well convinced that she had looked upon the portrait of her lost relative.

Does it not seem as if the story were true that the Patriot was attacked by pirates who murdered its crew and passengers and carried off all the booty they could conveniently dispose of, and then sent the boat adrift? If the story be true, is it all true? Was Theodosia also murdered or carried off, as legend avers, to a fate worse than death?

Took Away His Living.

It is well known that the missionaries in China do a great deal in the way of alleviating suffering among those who cannot obtain the services of a doctor. Quite recently a Chinaman lost his sight, and some sympathetic neighbors came and enlisted the services of the local missionary on his behalf. The missionary found his patient suffering from cataract and succeeded in removing it and restoring sight to the Chinaman. The obliging neighbors then, however, represented to the missionary that he had robbed the man of the means of earning his living by the means of a "blind" beggar, and that in future he would be expected to take him into his service and keep him.

A UNIQUE REUNION.

Anderson (Ind.) Letter.
The Rev. W. L. Meese of this city has the distinction of having married over 1,200 couples. For years Mr. Meese, or "Uncle Billy," as he is familiarly called, has presided over a large share of the matrimonial ceremonies in this county, until there is an impression that the knot is not properly tied unless he does it. The couples married by him have formed themselves into a matrimonial association, and intend to celebrate with him in the city park. Mr. Meese believes that comparatively few of the couples whom he has joined have been put asunder in the divorce court. He frequently receives letters from un-



THE REV. W. L. MESE.

married women asking him to find them good husbands, and giving outlines of the kind preferred.

It Goes without Saying.
Chicago News: Clara—One can't believe a word the men say any more. Maud—Why not? Clara—Well, there's Jack; he promised faithfully never to tell any one if I would permit him to kiss me just once, and in less than a minute he had repeated it.

I do not see why we should not be as just to an ant as to a human being.—Charles Kingsley

The Travis County Fair association has been organized. The initial fair will be held next month at Austin.

Lot With a costly Lien.

A mortgage of \$30,000,000 on a tiny town lot is rarely recorded in real estate annals. The city of San Jose, Cal., has within its limits a little patch of ground which has actually borne an incumbrance of these stupendous proportions. The story of this lot is the story of an unpaid note. Away back in 1851 David C. Vance, its owner, borrowed from Jackson Lewis the sum of \$1800 at the then current rate of interest of 8 per cent per month, to be computed monthly, security being the real estate and its improvements. The note is yet unpaid. One day Mr. Vance disappeared. He couldn't take the lot with him, so that small section of the earth has gone on eating its head off, as it were, ever since. The note and mortgage, after the manner of such things, made its way through the courts in proceedings and foreclosures, and in the next dozen years the \$1800 grew like Jack's beanstalk. A return of sale finally showed the total amount due the man to whom the note and mortgage had been assigned, Morris M. Wise, in round numbers, that included interest, costs and sheriff's fees, \$21,000,000.

Coxey Growing Wealthy.

"General" Jacob S. Coxey, who led the tramp army to Washington five years ago, has become a zinc mining magnate.

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